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Gur points to threat on eastern border

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur warned yesterday that Israel was facing a possible combination of Syrian and Jordanian-Iraqi-Saudi forces on the eastern front.

Rav-Aluf Gur, who was briefing a U.S. Congressional delegation, said the four Arab states could raise a combined force of almost 4,000 tanks and 1,000 combat aircraft on the eastern frontier.

The Syrians have additional foreign support as well. Besides

the foreign pilots (including Pakistanis flying Syrian fighter planes, there is also a Cuban armoured brigade still stationed in Syria, R/A Gur said.

He said the Syrians now have the biggest air force in the Middle East.

R/A Gur said he believed that there is an increased danger of Iraqi involvement along the eastern frontier, now that the Kurdish revolt has been crushed.

The group of 11 Congressmen, led by Oklahoma Democrat John Jarman, arrived in Israel on Saturday, after attending an international parliamentary conference in Sri Lanka.

R/A Gur met the visitors at an IDF stronghold near Kuneitra and explained the system of defence based on the hills of Golan, which he said are vital to Israel's security.

Pointing to a deserted but unharmed Syrian village nearby, the Chief of Staff noted that the Syrians had violated their promise to resettle it and other villages which Israel returned after the 1973 War.

Cambodia discusses surrender of capital

PHNOM PENH. — The Acting President of Cambodia, Srvukham Khoy, has begun discussions with other Phnom Penh leaders about a possible unconditional surrender of the city to Khmer Rouge insurgents, reliable political sources said here yesterday.

The sources gave no immediate details about Khoy's discussions, reported taking place as the insurgents press on with their advances around Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge troops inched closer to the besieged Cambodian capital and have also taken two more towns that had been held by government troops in the countryside, reliable military sources said.

As the ring of besieging insurgents closed in more tightly on Phnom Penh, clashes were reported on its southern sector, only 14 kms from the city centre. The attackers were even closer northwest of Phnom Penh.



U.S. President Gerald Ford carries a Vietnamese war orphan from a plane that yesterday brought to San Francisco more than 300 such victims to asylum in America. Most have already been adopted by U.S. families. (Report—Page 5) (AP radiophoto)

Hussein stakes claim to battle role

By ANAN SAFADI

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

KING HUSSEIN, now attempting to mend his relations with Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), yesterday shifted further towards a militant stance, declaring that Jordan would make sacrifices in order to regain territories captured by Israel.

Speaking during an inspection tour of Jordanian military formations, Hussein said that Jordan was determined to take an effective part in subverting the Arab claim to their "territory in its entirety, especially Arab Jerusalem."

Hussein's remarks follow a surprise visit he made last Thursday to Damascus where he had conferred with Syrian leaders, headed by President Hafez Assad.

The Jordanian monarch's statements coincided yesterday with a conciliatory pronouncement by Fatah leader, Salah Khalaf, seconding a call by his superior, Yasser Arafat, for propitiating Jordan. Endorsing Arafat's advice that the PLO leader's ship shed its 1970 Sept. "complex" (the armed showdown with Amman) Khalaf said that the Jordanian army was, after all, an Arab force with which the PLO should be on good terms. Khalaf is known as one of Amman's arch foes, who often joined

the PLO's radical circles in calling for the overthrow of Hussein. Unconfirmed reports yesterday said that Syria might transfer certain weapons to Jordan which Hussein said his army needs to close the gaps between its various formations.

Some observers cautioned that what appears to be growing amity between Jordan and Syria might turn to be a manoeuvre on the part of Hussein. He has been desperately seeking pan-Arab recognition for his status on the East Bank, especially since the Rabat summit had conferred upon the PLO sovereignty over any territory yielded by Israel on the West Bank. Hussein's fears of complete isolation are believed to have been fed by last week's statement by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat which called for coordination among the "confrontation parties" — Egypt, Syria and the Palestinians, significantly ignoring Jordan's existence.

Jerusalem to sit tight in hope U.S. anger will blow over

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

JERUSALEM IS determined to sit tight in its present negotiating positions, hoping that the storm of American anger and disappointment will blow itself out in time.

The Government believes that current application of pressure by Washington is designed to soften Israel's stance, so that Dr. Kissinger can try once more — with better hope of success — to forge a U.S.-orchestrated interim accord before Geneva. Despite the Secretary of State's hopes, however, the Government here is planning no new initiative, but intends rather to explain to the world, and especially to American opinion, why it could go no further in the suspended Kissinger talks.

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Iraq demands parley on Syrian water warfare

BAGHDAD (Retuer). — Iraq has called for an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss "the serious situation resulting from the Syrian Government's action in blocking the Euphrates River Water."

The Iraq News Agency, reporting this added: "The Syrian regime's action endangered the lives of people and threatened farming and livestock with destruction."

It said: "The Iraq action came after the Syrian Government had ignored all efforts and endeavours by the Iraqi Government throughout the years to reach agreement on the basis of inter-Arab sense of responsibility, justice, human con-

siderations and the provisions of international law."

Late last month, Iraqi Irrigation Minister Akram Tulahani accused the Syrians of deliberately creating problems for Iraq over the water level of the Euphrates which flows through the two countries and Turkey.

"Syrian evasion of pledges was due to political considerations — to exert pressure on Iraq, create problems for it and harm its interests," he said. Three million persons working on farms round the Euphrates basin are threatened with catastrophe as a result of the Syrian action, he added.

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Egyptians remove forbidden guns

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

THE EGYPTIANS have removed almost all the artillery pieces they introduced into the limited forces zone during the Kissinger negotiations in violation of the disengagement agreement, it was learned yesterday.

Israel had complained to the UN that Egypt had deployed about 60 guns more than the 38 permitted in the zone, on the east bank of the Suez Canal.

Both Syria and Egypt are now observing the disengagement agreements satisfactorily, according to military sources.

Cairo's prisoner list not yet here

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

EGYPT HAS NOT yet submitted the list of 20 prisoners whose release it demanded in exchange for the 39 Israeli bodies returned on Friday, it was reported yesterday. The list is expected to contain the names of residents of Sinai convicted for security offences, in line with Egypt's desire to establish itself as patron of the area's few pre-1967 inhabitants.

Work on identification of the bodies began on Saturday night and continued yesterday, but no information was available last night on progress. The work is being done at the Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine in Jaffa by the IDF's Medical and Chaplaincy Corps and Institute staff.

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ERNST is no more

Chani Bergmann

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

mourns the death of its member,

Ernst David Bergmann

and extends condolences to the family

Prof. ERNST DAVID BERGMANN

founder of Israel's scientific Defence research and development, and winner of the Israel Defence Prize.

SHIMON PERES
Minister of Defence

We extend our deepest condolences to Chani Bergmann on the passing of her dear husband,

Prof. ERNST BERGMANN

long-time associate and close friend of ours, and first Scientific Director of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

In deep sorrow

Shirley, Meyer

Sadat: If Israel behaves, we may let its goods through Suez Canal

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat says that he is prepared under certain conditions to renew the UN peace-keeping mandate for longer than just three months and to consider allowing "non-strategic" Israel cargoes to transit the Suez Canal when it is reopened in June.

In an interview with "Time" magazine, Sadat said that he would be ready to reconsider his three-month proposal for the UN mandate "if the peace process is being pushed and the momentum maintained."

"But when the Canal is opened it will depend on the conduct of Israel, whether their non-strategic cargoes will be allowed to transit the Canal," Sadat added. He did not elaborate.

Asked about the agenda for the proposed Geneva conference on a Middle East settlement, Sadat said that "there will be no peace so long as there is occupation. He said that the Arabs will not be discussing withdrawal from territories at Geneva, but merely a timetable for a total withdrawal. "This is taken for granted," he said.

Regarding the Israel cargoes, the Egyptian leader claimed that, under the Constantinople Treaty of 1858, Egypt does not have to allow any country with which it maintains a state of belligerency to go through the waterway. "Even if (the Israelis) ask for their cargoes to pass through in other flagships, we have the full legal right to prevent it," he said.

He rejected the idea of joint Israel-Egyptian patrols to guarantee the new borders, but he did note that "some kind of mixed commissions under UN auspices" could be established and meet from time to time. "I agree to certain demilitarized zones, but on condition it be reciprocal," he added.

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Border fence detail attacked

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

LEBANESE SOLDIERS again opened fire at Israelis working on the security fence yesterday, according to Israeli military sources. Yesterday's incident, the latest in a series of similar ones in the last few days, occurred west of Kibbutz Yiftah, near the Lebanese village of Beida, early in the afternoon.

The Lebanese fired only two shells at the Israel group and no one was hurt.

In Beirut, a military spokesman said that the Lebanese artillery opened fire at an Israel force that penetrated about 50 metres into Lebanon to plant mines.

In another incident, terrorists fired a number of shells from Lebanese territory at Israel forces in the Har Dov area. Here, too, there were no casualties.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Warm and dry, mainly over the hills and inland.

Weather synopsis: A trough stretching from the Red Sea to the East Mediterranean is causing warm, dry weather.

	Yesterday's	Today's	Tomorrow's
Jerusalem	10-20	10-20	10-20
Golan	16-26	16-26	16-26
Nahariya	9-19	9-19	9-19
Safed	13-23	13-23	13-23
Tiberias	19-29	19-29	19-29
Nazareth	11-21	11-21	11-21
Atula	11-21	11-21	11-21
Shomron	11-21	11-21	11-21
Tel Aviv	13-23	13-23	13-23
B-G Airport	13-23	13-23	13-23
Jericho	13-23	13-23	13-23
Gaza	13-23	13-23	13-23
Beersheva	13-23	13-23	13-23
Eilat	13-23	13-23	13-23
Tiran Straits	13-23	13-23	13-23

Social and Personal

The O.C. Northern Command, Aluf Rafael Eytan, visited Kiryat Shmona yesterday as guest of the City Council.

Morris Green, President of the American Friends of Ramot Shapira Youth Academy, Joe Reid, President of the British Friends, Rabbi Z. Frankfurter, President of the Friends' Organization, France, and Leo Pughach, of Zurich, on Friday, visited Ramot Shapira and met with Rabbi Dr. J. Vainstein, chairman of the Executive Board, and Mr. Jerome H. Sisselman, chairman of the International Board of Governors.

Reverend Dr. Michael Krupp will give a talk on "Jewish-Christian Cooperation" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem West Rotary Club, 7 p.m. today, King David Hotel.

The Targ Music Centre will hold the concert of "Folklore in Music," introducing Swedish singer Bo Ohlsson, baritone, with the "Yuvati" Trio at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Transport as usual.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Justice Harry Bashaw, of the Quebec Superior Court, and Dr. Anne Bashaw for a project at the law faculty of the Hebrew University (by El Al).

Dr. Boris Pregel, Chairman of the U.S. delegation of the American Red Magen David for Israel, to attend the MDA international conference, and Mrs. Pregel.

Rudolf Leutinger, a bassoonist with the Tonhalle Orchestra of Zurich and secretary of the International Organization of Musicians, to look into the possibility of holding the organization's 1976 convention in Israel.

DEPARTURES

Pinhas Sagor, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mrs. Sagor, for Iran, Australia and the U.S., on fund-raising and aliyah matters (by El Al).

Guide issued on mobilized vehicles
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A guide for owners of vehicles and mechanical equipment liable to be mobilized by the Defence Forces has been issued by the Quartermaster's Branch. The booklet, which lists the rights and obligations of the owners, will be circulated by the units to which the vehicles are attached.

Summer time takes effect on April 20

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Summer time officially goes into effect April 20 under an order signed over the weekend by Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg. Clocks will be moved forward by one hour. Summer time will end August 30.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said last night the new time was to have gone into effect April 5 but had been delayed at the request of airlines which asked for time to reorganize their schedules. The spokesman claimed that tens of millions of pounds will be saved by the change in time.

350 WEST GERMAN pilgrims arrived yesterday, aboard a special Lufthansa flight, for a week's visit.

'Panther' report said a libel

Jerusalem Post Staff
Black Panther Histadrut representative Shalom Cohen said yesterday libel suits had been brought against two newspapers for stating a three-man Panther delegation visiting France had sought to contact Arab terrorists. But while the former Knesset Member was telling reporters this in Jerusalem, another group of Panthers in Tel Aviv said it was informing the Histadrut that the link between the Panthers and Mr. Cohen's "Israel Democrats" had been severed.

Mr. Cohen charged that the reports — published in "Ma'ariv" and "Ha'aretz" — had originated at the Israel Embassy in Paris. The

'Must be applied as a package'
Histadrut, industry approve tax reform

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive and the presidium of the Manufacturers Association yesterday both approved "in principle" the income tax reforms proposed by the Ben-Shahar Committee.

Both groups said they had misgivings but appeared willing to drop their reservations if the recommendations were implemented "as a package."

The Histadrut Executive approved the Ben-Shahar Committee proposals by a vote of 51 to 21. Alignment and Independent Liberal members supported the motion; the extreme left, the small lists and some Likud delegates opposed it.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruchan Meshel said he hoped the reforms would be implemented by July 1.

The members of the Ben-Shahar Committee participated in yesterday's Histadrut session. They left early to attend a Cabinet meeting on the issue.

In its four-hour debate the Executive demanded that the Ben-Shahar proposals be implemented in their entirety. Mr. Meshel also referred to reports that self-employed persons and companies could not be compelled to keep accounts by July 1. That meant the reform could be fully applied only to salaried employees. Mr. Meshel warned that under no circumstances would the labour federation accept a selective implementation of the recommendations.

The Histadrut agreed that the cost-of-living allowance be fully taxed, Mr. Meshel said. But the present ceiling of IL1,000 per month should be raised to IL3,000 or IL4,000. (Up to now IL1,725 of the C-o-L allowance has been tax free.)

The Secretary-General said the labour federation would consent to extend wage agreements to the end

of 1975 if by July 1 the Histadrut, the employers and the Government agree on direct and indirect taxation as well as on the C-o-L allowance system.

The wage agreements are due to expire July 1. The Government has said that extending these agreements is essential to the success of its economic programme.

Mr. Meshel criticized the committee's recommendations on car allowances. The committee recommended that persons who use their private cars for work be taxed more heavily than those who use company cars. "We think this is a mistake, and we will look for a way to correct it," he added.

Noting that the committee recommended abolishing the special tax rates for premiums, Mr. Meshel called for a substitute incentive to increase productivity and also demanded that elderly persons, invalids and residents of development areas continue to enjoy special tax deductions.

The manufacturers' presidium declined to reveal its reservations because the recommendations ought to be implemented as a package. They reported they had drawn up a memorandum to be sent to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinovitch. The presidium's decision will be submitted to the association's Executive.

No dismissals here, warns Peretz at Ashdod port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The leader of this town's port workers, Yehoshua Peretz, said yesterday his committee would reject the management's plan to dismiss 25 temporary hands today, at the end of the citrus export season.

"This is not the Eilat-Askelon Oil Pipeline. They will not fire a single worker here," declared Mr. Peretz.

The port took on a total of 27 temporary workers at the start of the winter season.

Things are expected to get worse at this port before they improve. There is already concealed unemployment in the port, and it is learned the management may try to dismiss some of its permanent hands as well.

Peretz said a meeting has been called for today to discuss the ongoing "sanctions" regarding the unloading of containers at the port. This was done by a private contractor, Overseas Commerce Ltd., until March 1, when the port workers decided to carry on in view of the shortage of work for regular port hands. As a result, Overseas Commerce has already fired 15 of its part-time employees and is expected to dismiss 13 more in the near future. The company has asked the mayor of Ashdod and the secretary of the Histadrut to intervene.

E. D. Bergmann, scientist, at 71

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, one of the leaders of Israel's scientific community, died in Jerusalem yesterday, aged 71. Prof. Bergmann had taught organic chemistry at the Hebrew University since 1953 and only last month resigned his position as a vice-president.

In spite of ill health during the last few months he held his classes at the university until shortly before he was forced to enter Hadassah hospital, last week, where he succumbed to a heart attack.

Prof. Bergmann had served as Scientific Director of the Weizmann Institute and was for many years chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and director of defence research in the Ministry of Defence. He also served as chairman of the Truman Research Centre, and Honorary President of Ben-Gurion University in the Negev.

His practical scientific work was principally in the fields of petroleum and photo-chemistry. He taught a generation of chemists, many of whom are now leaders in education, research and industry.

The annual Weizmann memorial lecture series at the Weizmann Institute opened this year by Israeli President Ephraim Katzir turned into a memorial meeting for both Weizmann and Prof. Bergmann, who had been scheduled to introduce Mr. Katzir.

Prof. Bergmann was eulogized by Institute President Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, who outlined Bergmann's crucial role as director of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute and later of the Weizmann Institute.

President Katzir characterized Bergmann as "Israel's greatest scientist."

The body of Prof. Bergmann will lie in state in the Chaim Weizmann Square of the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus from 2 to 3 p.m. today. The funeral will leave for the Har Hamenuhot cemetery at 3.15 p.m.

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Euro-trade discussed with Dutch Minister

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"The talks have proved once again the solid friendship between the two countries," an Israeli official said yesterday following a working session between Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep. The two ministers and their aides met for over two hours in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon. Mr. van der Stoep will confer with Premier Rabin this morning and then hold a press conference before flying out at the end of a four-day official visit.

The Dutch Minister told Mr. Allon he keenly hoped the negotiating momentum in the Middle East would not be lost as a result of the suspension of the Israel-Egypt talks. Mr. Allon reviewed the course of the shuttle talks in the context of general developments in the region in recent months.

Mr. van der Stoep reassured the Israeli side that if and when the planned "Euro-Arab Dialogue" were launched, a parallel Euro-Israel dialogue would also be initiated — as

the then-chairman of the EEC Ministers, Germany's Dietrich Genscher, had undertaken last year. Mr. Allon said he hoped Israel's new tariff agreement with the Nine would finally be signed early this summer.

On bilateral matters, the two ministers agreed that further talks would be held on a lower level to seek ways of righting the trade imbalance. At present Israel buys \$264 million worth of goods from Holland and exports to her only \$130 million worth. At his press conference today, Mr. van der Stoep is expected to announce the decision to draft a cultural accord between the two countries.

In the morning, the Dutch minister and his party paid a courtesy call on President Katzir. Mr. van der Stoep later laid a wreath at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

At a dinner last night for Mr. Van der Stoep at Maison Belgique on the Hebrew University campus, Mr. Allon said Israel was ready to extend the mandate of the UN peacekeeping forces for another six months.

Congressman: Palestine is Arab problem

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The leader of a 25-man U.S. congressional delegation to Israel said yesterday that the creation of a Palestinian state in the Middle East is a problem for the Arab nations to solve.

Speaking to newsmen here at the end of a Middle East fact-finding mission, Representative Thomas O'Neill (Democrat-Massachusetts) said Israel "should not take part in creating a Palestinian state, because 'it is purely an Arab problem.'"

The congressman added that there was a place for such a state, but declined to specify where it should be.

"Tip O'Neill said he would recommend to Washington that further efforts be made to resume the suspended negotiations between Israel and Egypt. He said Israel 'was flexible enough' during Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's peace mission last month, but both sides 'held very hard attitudes.'"

The group flew to Barcelona aboard a U.S. Air Force jet. (Ithm)

McGovern meets NRP men

Jerusalem Post Staff

National Religious Party "young guard" leaders Zviulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben-Meir spent an hour yesterday answering U.S. Senator George McGovern's questions about the religious and historical meaning of Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem for Jews. The two MKs had requested the meeting on Friday.

Hammer and Ben-Meir told the Senator that hundreds of thousands of Israelis, as well as vast numbers of Jews overseas, regarded Judea and Samaria as an inseparable part of the Jewish national homeland. They stressed that Jerusalem had always been a Jewish centre, and never an Arab capital. They also re-

minded the Senator that for 20 years no demands had been raised to set up a state for Palestine Arabs, nor had the Arabs taken steps to improve the lot of the refugees.

The Senator yesterday told a number of recent Soviet immigrants that some critics of the Jackson Amendment felt it had put too much pressure on the Soviets. Meeting with them at the home of Dr. Arye Levran in Tel Aviv, McGovern recalled that he had been a co-sponsor of the Amendment. Told there was a backlog of 138,000 unanswered applications to leave the USSR, the Senator pledged himself to "speak up and do what I can to try and give publicity to all the cases I heard today."

The Pardes Hana Water Cooperative
The unveiling of the tombstone of our late member
MICHAEL FRISCH
will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 1975, at the Pardes Hana Cemetery at 4.30 p.m.

To Ronald Westmann
We share your grief on the death of your
FATHER
Agrexco-Israel Agricultural Exports Ltd.

The President of the Supreme Court
and the Judges and Administration of the Courts
mourn the passing of

AZIZ GARJOURA
a former judge of Nazareth Magistrates' Court,
and offer condolences to the family.

We deeply mourn the untimely death of
our beloved brother and uncle
SAUL UDWIN
Monsi and Avishag Castel
Jerusalem

The Government of Israel
mourns the death of
E.D. BERGMANN
one of Israel's greatest scientists.

The Weizmann Institute of Science
deeply mourns the passing of
Prof. ERNST DAVID BERGMANN
former Director of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute
and the Weizmann Institute, and one of Israel's greatest scientists.
The entire staff join in extending their condolences to the family.

Road crash victims named

JERICO. — The three victims of Saturday's fatal accident on the Jerusalem-Jericho road were identified yesterday as army reservists. They were Ernest Rabinowitz, Nissan Cohen and Moshe Dori.

Two other soldiers were injured in the crash: Reuven Zamir and Avraham Zeevi. Both are at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

The accident occurred when a pick-up truck registered to an East Jerusalem resident swerved out of its lane and collided head on with a Subaru sedan in which five soldiers were riding.

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Jerusalem sits tight

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only midway across the strategic passes. This was the furthest Israel could go without an Egyptian commitment to end the state of war. Several policy makers stressed yesterday. Anything more would be "suicide," one source said.

Two leading doves indicated privately that they were not entirely comfortable with the Government's decision to dig in its heels and passively await the results of America's policy re-assessment.

One said he felt there was scope for an Israeli compromise proposal in the area between the last Israel position and the last Egyptian position during the shuttle talks. There was some dovish criticism, too, of statements by leading ministers insisting that Israel will not bridge from its present stance — but failing to offer any solution to the impasse.

But the doves are pre-occupied in rocking the stage, and beyond that they are tending to lie.

(One ministerial visit which has not been that of Transport Minister Ya'acobi. He will leave for a UJA speaking tour some three weeks ago. Jerusalem Post that he is his newly-appointed Ambassador to Washington. Mr. Coleman talk too with some Congressmen while in Washington.)

It is thought that Interior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, now in Canada, will be in for Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was to have addressed a seminar in Jerusalem during his now-postponed visit.

Wered trial opens

TEL AVIV. — The suspended head of Mekorot, Zeev Kariv, and two former directors of its Wered subsidiary went on trial here in District Court yesterday for knowingly signing a fraudulent balance sheet for Wered.

Kariv, Carmel Lancetti and Shabtai Shalom have denied the charges. The first witness for the prosecution, Rav-Palestine Yosef Rosenberg of National Police Headquarters, said the three are not accused of gaining any personal benefit from the allegedly false balance sheet, although the company benefitted by millions of pounds in bank loans and state guarantees.

(Ithm)

Consumer unit

change against

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Council yesterday refracted of false advertising against

Following the Government's decision to increase the price of newspapers that it would increase. The Government Council subsequently announced that Amcor advertisements were

After a more thorough examination of the matter, the Council concluded that it was Amcor's advertisements that were

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Holocaust memorial ceremonies tonight

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A waiting shiva, flags lowered at half-staff, prayers and dozens of solemn assemblies will mark the 30th anniversary of the Holocaust. The 10th day of Nisan is traditionally the day to honour the six million Jews who were methodically murdered by the Nazis in the Holocaust. Those who fell in the Warsaw ghetto uprising, however, Holocaust Memorial Day will inaugurate the 30th anniversary of the collapse of Nazi Germany, culminating in a Presidential reception on May 8.

Hundreds of concentration camp survivors, new immigrants, schoolchildren and tourists will assemble at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum at 10 a.m. this evening. President Menachem Begin, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and the other guests will watch as survivors of the Nazi regime kindle giant torches on the roof of the Yad Vashem synagogue. Two assemblies — one in Yiddish and one in Hebrew — will be held at the Museum Auditorium in Tel Aviv, and another at the Municipal Theatre in Haifa.

A steady stream will sound at 8 p.m. tomorrow, causing all traffic to freeze in place and pedestrians to stand for two minutes with heads bowed in silence. (In case of emergency, the siren would be un-muzzled.)

All places of entertainment — such as restaurants, cinemas, and night clubs — will close tonight. Tomorrow, and on the following day, all entertainment programs on TV will be suspended.

and radio will be replaced by stories of the Holocaust in accordance with the solemnity of the occasion. Honour guards representing the organizations of fighters, partisans and prisoners of concentration camps will stand at attention near the Pillar of Herod at Yad Vashem tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wreaths will be placed near the Pillar by representatives of public and Government institutions at 10 a.m.

The Jerusalem Theatre will present films about the Holocaust, without admission charge today from 3 to 7 p.m. "The Sixt Blow," a documentary about the Holocaust, will be shown today at Beit Ha'am in Jerusalem, Migrahi in Tel Aviv, Pe'er in Haifa, Keren in Beer-Sheva and in the northern town of Shlomi.

The Ministry of Education hopes to increase consciousness of the Nazi era among the young by playing two records in classes. The "Ballad of Manthausen," sung by Greek-Jewish composer Yakobus Kambanlis, will include a song about a Jewish prisoner whose lover was taken to the gas chamber. The second recording presents testimony from the 1961 Eichmann trial held in Jerusalem. Pupils will also study special material on the theme "From the Holocaust to Rebirth."

Holocaust Memorial Day will also be observed in various places abroad; some 1,500 people are expected to attend a rally at the New London Theatre where six grandchildren of Jews who took refuge in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will light memorial candles.



Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, Mayor of Hebron, yesterday paid his first visit to the Armenian Patriarchate in East Jerusalem. Archbishop Shabe, right, presents Sheikh Ja'abari with a cheque of IL10,000 for a new college of Islamic Studies to be opened in Hebron. At centre is Patriarch Yeghishe. (Steve Nenejian)

Technion labour dispute simmers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Labour Court here yesterday rejected a Technion request for an injunction against 1,500 administrative employees after the employees said they would refrain from taking sanctions for 20 days. The three-hour hearing failed to settle a dispute over the employees' demand for free university tuition for their children.

The Haifa Labour Council secretary, which last week decided to back the employees, is to decide tomorrow whether to declare an official labour dispute at the Technion and call a general strike after the legal 15-day cooling-off period. The was announced at the hearing by Yisrael Gil, legal adviser of the Council.

Technion counsel Meir Bar-Rav-Hai said that in the event of a strike, the management "may hand over the keys of the Technion to the Finance Ministry" which finances the Technion and the other universities.

When the dispute broke out last month, the Council refrained from giving its official backing on the grounds that the labour contract had been duly signed and could not be re-negotiated, especially as all agreements have been frozen by a Histadrut decision. It did, however, extend its "moral" support, which led the employees to stage "surprise sanctions," cutting off the electric power to various facilities and suspending the phone service, without prior notice. Since then the court has held three lengthy hearings on the strength of the management's request for an injunction, in an effort to settle the dispute.

At yesterday's session Mr. Gil proposed that the Technion provide IL25,000 to finance this year's tuition for the children of 47 employees studying at universities other than the Technion. The grant would not prejudice future arrangements negotiated when labour agreements are "unfrozen." Alternatively, he offered to submit the dispute to the arbitration of the regional labour relations officer.

Mr. Bar-Rav-Hai announced a management counter-offer to establish a IL50,000 tuition fund for this year, with a similar sum, linked to the cost of tuition, for next year, with the number of employees involved not going beyond 47.

The proposals were mutually rejected. Members of the employees' committee told The Post a principle was involved. They agreed there was "little justice" to their claim, especially in view of the country's strained finances. But they were insisting on it because employees at other universities received this benefit and the Technion itself had only last August agreed to grant it to the academic staff. (Technion

El Al strike called off at last minute

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A hangar-mechanics strike which might have kept all El Al flights grounded was narrowly averted here yesterday when, following all-night negotiations between the sides, the men agreed to await a "reappraisal" meeting next week.

The mere threat of a strike had however been enough to cause a major disruption in the airline's passenger flight schedules, with many passengers roused out of bed by telephone to take an earlier plane and beat the strike deadline.

On Friday the mechanics had said they would down their tools at 6 a.m. yesterday. As a result El Al alerted passengers due to leave on 14 flights, and succeeded in sending out five of these, including jumbos, before the deadline.

Meanwhile, the mechanics were closeted with company representatives and with Yehoshua Voschina, Histadrut Trades-Union chief. By dawn yesterday, when the negotiating team had arrived at an interim agreement, thousands of irate passengers were already on their way out of Israel earlier than they had planned.

Some 30 people due to leave for Paris and for New York missed their moved-up flights, as they had left no forwarding addresses. But they were sent out later on various foreign carriers.

All told, El Al yesterday flew a total of 28 scheduled flights in and out of the country, carrying over 4,000 passengers.

The hangar-mechanics' principal demand is to be compensated for the extra pay that maintenance and servicing crews receive for working on round-the-clock schedules and out in the open. Management says the demand contradicts the labour contract they signed on February 18.

President Amos Horev insists that he was "forced" into it by a national agreement.

They also noted that the three days the 20 committee members had already wasted attending the court hearings had cost the Technion IL12,000 — "the exact sum that would have bridged the opposing compromise proposals."

Flu recedes in Ashdod

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The viral infection which last week sent thousands of local residents to bed — is receding as mysteriously as it arrived, according to Health Ministry sources.

The number of persons reporting sick with high fever, sore throat and aching joints was as high as 200 daily in the middle of last week, but on Friday, it had dropped to two cases.

Many of those taken ill last week returned to work, but a number suffered relapses.

The infection apparently began at the Elita electronics plant and spread to other plants and the port.

Health Ministry sources yesterday confirmed the infection was not "ordinary" influenza. Blood samples are being sent to the laboratory to identify the virus.

Golda out of hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mrs. Golda Meir was released from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital yesterday after nine days of physiotherapy for a "frozen shoulder."

A hospital spokesman reported that movement of the shoulder no longer causes the former Prime Minister any pain, and that she "feels just fine." The hospital stay was her third in as many months; she previously underwent two successful cataract operations at Hadassah.

Hospitals must keep patients through Sabbath

No hospital in Israel may release patients on the Sabbath, according to a new directive of the Health Ministry.

The ministry, acting on a complaint from the Religious Affairs Minister, has notified all hospitals that they must make arrangements to keep emergency ward patients and others in the hospital until Saturday evening if they would otherwise be released on or close to the Sabbath.

Yesterday's government announcement in this matter said the Religious Affairs Minister had received numerous complaints from religious patients who were asked to leave hospital on Friday or Saturday and could not get home without violating the Sabbath.

Kiryat Shmona unhappy over holding of two memorial events

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Dissatisfaction was expressed here yesterday when it was learned that City Hall had decided to hold two memorial meetings for the 18 residents killed last year in a terrorist attack — one for Sephardim, the other for Ashkenazim.

The first meeting was held yesterday in the presence of Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The second is to be held next Sunday with Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Local residents said the decision to hold two separate meetings permeated the sadness and solemnity of the occasion with political considerations.

CLAIMS OF UP TO IL50,000 can now be handled by Magistrate's Courts, instead of the former upper limit of IL10,000.



Dutch film director Bert Haanstra (right background) at work on his full-length documentary, "Ape and Superape," a study of apes' social life. The film is one of 13 Dutch productions to be shown here during Dutch Film Week.

Boulevard in Jaffa gets 'bus lane only' in rush hour

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As of tomorrow, only buses will be allowed to use northbound traffic lanes on Sderot Yerushalayim, Jaffa, during peak morning rush hours from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

Deputy Mayor David Shifman told the press yesterday it was hoped thousands of persons would now be able to get to work faster.

Private vehicles will be directed to an alternative parallel route between 6.30 and 8.30 each morning. The route will stretch from Rehov Nahal Besor, through Nahal Oz, Beer Sheva, Aza, Ben Zvi, Hatkuma and Salame streets.

Other changes will come into effect in conjunction with the Sderot Yerushalayim arrangements. Rehov Shveta Yisrael, in the section between Yehuda Hayamit and Rehov Dr. Ehrlich, will become one-way for southbound traffic only; while the section of Rehov Hatkuma, between the fountain and Rehov Shearith Yisrael, will be one-way for northbound traffic only. There will also be no left turn from Rehov Yehuda Hayamit into Sderot Yerushalayim between 6.30 and 8.30 each morning.

Kite-flying contest at Israel Museum

The Israel Museum is holding a nation-wide kite-flying contest to celebrate its 10th anniversary, with prizes for the most creative and worthy designs.

The contest will take place on Tuesday, April 22, at 4.30 p.m. on the grounds of the museum. The Police Band and the Jerusalem Municipality Youth Band will accompany the flyers, who will be admitted free to the museum. The owners of the winning kites will be awarded round-trip air tickets from Tel Aviv to Eilat, donated by Arkia.

Four years for rape

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa man, who plied a woman with strong drink and then took her to a hotel when she asked to go home, was yesterday sentenced to four years for rape by the District Court here.

Ya'acov Messika, 24, met the woman — then in the process of obtaining a divorce — at the home of a woman friend in February. After the two friends had filled her with drink, she asked Messika to accompany her home; but he took her instead to a Bat Yam hotel and raped her. (Tim)

Levich's two sons arrive: Temkin asks Red Cross for aid in seeing daughter

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The two sons of Soviet scientist Benjamin Levich, who have been struggling for three years to come to Israel, arrived yesterday morning and said they thought their father would soon be allowed to follow.

Alexander Levich, 29, and Yevgeny, 26, are both scientists. They arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport with their wives, neither of whom is Jewish.

They told newsmen Soviet authorities had promised that their father, a electro-chemist and corresponding member of the prestigious Soviet Academy of Sciences, would be allowed to leave Russia by the end of the year.

The Soviets tried to punish the 1-year-old Levich for his alleged activities by sending Yevgeny to military service in Siberia, despite ill health.

Yevgeny is an astro-physicist, who has already achieved acclaim for his work. He has been offered posts at both the Weizmann Institute and Tel Aviv University (his father has already been appointed to a professorship at Tel Aviv University).

Yevgeny and Alexander were met at the airport by the University's resident, Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, who heads the Scientists Committee of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry. Tel Aviv University physicist Prof. Alexander Temkin said yesterday, he has appealed to the International Red Cross to help arrange a meeting for him with his daughter, Marina, who was forcibly separated from him in Moscow two years ago.

Marina, now 15½, is an Israeli citizen. She was scheduled to leave the USSR for Israel with her father in 1973, but she was abducted — screaming and kicking — and taken to a closed youth camp, where she staged a hunger strike demanding to be reunited with her father.

Since then, the Soviets revoked Prof. Temkin's "parental rights" — admitting that he was a concerned and devoted father, but charging that he is ideologically unsuited to bring up the youngsters, because of his Zionist ideas.

Marina is not allowed to communicate with her father, or with most other people. She is not allowed to receive mail or telephone calls, is ostracized by her classmates and is kept under constant surveillance.

Prof. Temkin says he is willing to meet Marina anywhere, including on "neutral" territory somewhere in Europe if necessary. He is afraid that the girl's mental health may have been impaired by the traumatic separation from him, and by the constant harassment since then.

The father's request to the Red Cross had been reinforced by a Ministry of Foreign Affairs request to the Netherlands to ask the Soviet authorities to allow the meeting. The Dutch represent Israeli interests in Moscow.

Aliya chief in U.S. to be replaced

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yehoshua Yadin, who has directed the Israel Aliya Centre for the U.S. and Canada and been in charge of all Jewish Agency emissaries here since last July, will be replaced and return to Israel in a few months.

Among those mentioned for the job is Tat-Aluf (res.) Uri Ben-Ari, who commanded the armored brigade that took Ramallah and Jericho in the Six Day War.

Uri Narkiss, director of the Agency's Immigration Department, and Mr. Yadin's brother-in-law, noted that Mr. Yadin is returning to Israel because of incompetence. He was chosen to head the Aliya Centre because he was the best known in the U.S., said Mr. Narkiss. He went on to explain that Mr. Yadin's short tenure at the Centre is due to "a regulation limiting an Agency to four years of service abroad." Yadin served as a rabbi in Queens, New York, for nearly three years before his appointment as director of the Aliya Centre.

The number of American and Canadian Jews to immigrate last year totalled 3,800, as compared to nearly 10,000 five years ago.

Emissary said to have bought U.S. luxury home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The case of an aliya emissary who allegedly purchased a luxury home in Los Angeles will be investigated by the Jewish Agency's controller. If the report is confirmed, the emissary will be severely punished, said Immigration Department head Uri Narkiss yesterday.

An Israel Radio correspondent in California reported that an Immigration Department emissary, Sgan-Aluf (res.) Nathan Shpak, bought a home in an expensive quarter of the city. In most circumstances, such a purchase is in violation of Jewish Agency rules, because it indicates an intention to remain permanently in the U.S. and does not reflect the modest life-style expected of Agency emissaries. According to the Treasury, such a purchase is not illegal, if it is made with local currency that is earned by the emissary, and if he brings the profits from the sale of the house with him when he returns to Israel.

Sgan-Aluf Shpak told the radio reporter that he saw nothing wrong with the purchase, since he has no intentions of remaining in the U.S. He bought the home, he said, because his relatives insisted that he live near them, with money obtained from the Jewish Agency for rental payments and a loan from his relatives.

Bank, petrol station robberies down

By ABRAHAM RARINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The armed robbery of banks and petrol stations in Israel, a form of criminal activity which reached epidemic proportions in the early 1970s, has virtually been eliminated because of alarm systems and other precautions.

At a press conference yesterday, Tal-Nitzav Yeheskel Karti, head of the police special duties department, said there were no bank robberies at all last year and that petrol station heists had fallen sharply. Even when a station was held up, the robber rarely made off with more than IL150 since station attendants are now supposed to put any sum greater than that into safes to which they have no key and therefore cannot be forced to open.

The press conference was called to present the annual police report for 1974 which showed an overall rise in crime of 11.5 per cent last year, a drop of 8.2 per cent recorded during the war year of 1973. This phenomenon paralleled the Six Day War period, when crime dropped in 1967 only to rise by 10.3 per cent in the postwar year.

Police officials at the conference spoke of a marked rise in violence last year but from the statistics in

the report, the rise did not seem too alarming. Murders did increase from 27 in 1973 to 49 last year but 49 was the exact number recorded in 1972 when the population was some five per cent smaller. Only two of the murders last year were connected with robbery, most of the rest being due to family or lovers' quarrels or hostile activity.

Instances of rape increased from 122 to 171 but fights and other disturbances in the street fell from 2313 to 2068. Cases of grievous bodily harm rose by 4.5 per cent to 508. The number of armed robberies increased from 59 to 96 and unarmed robberies from 87 to 130. Extortion cases were up only by one to 133. Pickpocketing appeared to be a declining profession, falling off for the second straight year by some eight per cent. Forgery of documents, however, appeared to be "promising" new field with an 87 per cent increase reported.

The number of economic crimes more than doubled, from 320 to 722 and the police put additional trained manpower into the fight against white-collar crime. The number of youth offenders was down by 3.7 per cent and the number of suicides rose slightly, from 178 to 186.

At the press conference, Inspector-General Shaul Rosolio announced a reorganization of the national police staff including the creation of a new research and planning unit which will be responsible, among other things, for long range strategy planning. He announced the appointment of Nitzav Haim Tavori as head of the Operations Branch and his replacement as commander of the Southern District by Tal-Nitzav Arie Avitsan, former deputy commander of the Tel Aviv District. Police spokesman Nahum Bosni was named head of the Manpower Division. No new spokesman has yet been named.

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BLACK NATIONALISTS LOBBY AGAINST PEACE MOVES OAU pressed to isolate S. Africa

DAR ES SALAAM — Black nationalist leaders began a campaign yesterday to blunt the peace offensive by South Africa and isolate the Pretoria regime from the rest of the continent.

The nationalists, including Rev. Ndabanihi Sithole, who was released from a Rhodesian jail on Saturday, arrived in the Tanzanian capital and immediately plunged into a lobbying effort to convince Africa's black and Arab leaders to reject South Africa's peace moves.

The group will attend the Foreign Ministers meeting today of the 42-nation Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which was convened to plot a joint response to South African Prime Minister John Vorster's efforts to move closer to his black neighbours.

Even as the leaders of the African National Council (ANC) arrived, lieutenants distributed a document to OAU delegates calling for a commitment from the conference to the total diplomatic, political, economic, cultural and military isolation of South Africa.

The document accused some OAU member states of collaborating with Pretoria — an apparent reference to such nations as Liberia and Zambia, which recently held limited diplomatic contacts with Vorster's government.

Under pressure from South Africa, Sithole was released by Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith, who said he had taken the decision "in a serious endeavour to promote détente in southern Africa."

As Sithole stepped from a Zambia Airways jet yesterday with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, he was mobbed by scores of persons, who lifted him on their shoulders before he was whisked off for talks with other OAU delegates.

During the welcome, nationalists chanted: "We want Zimbabwe." Zimbabwe is the black nationalists name for Rhodesia.

Diplomatic observers said Sithole's presence here would probably heighten tension at the meeting, which was expected to issue a toughly worded document condemning the South African initiative as

an attempt to split OAU solidarity. It was Sithole's arrest on March 3 by Rhodesian authorities which signalled the end of negotiations between Premier Smith and the African nationalists.

The Johannesburg "Sunday Times" yesterday reported South Africa has relaxed some restrictions on Robert Sobukwe, a former political prisoner, and he now can practice as a lawyer.

Sobukwe, former leader of the banned Pan African Congress in South Africa, was held six years on Robben Island jail until 1969. He is living in Kimberley working for a legal firm but until now has been barred from entering a court.

The decision is seen as significant in view of the pressure South Africa has put on Rhodesia to release its political detainees. Prime Minister Vorster has been urged by several quarters, both inside and outside South Africa, to give meaning to his détente moves by reviewing the fate of his country's political prisoners. (AP, UPI)

Allende's widow condemns U.S. press 'silence'

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP). — The widow of Chilean President Salvador Allende accused the U.S. news media on Saturday of a "conspiracy of silence," regarding news from her homeland.

"Chile has ceased to be a day-to-day event in your newspapers. That is a serious thing when repression continues," said Hortensia Bussi de Allende, addressing news reporters through an interpreter.

Mrs. Allende claimed "hundreds" of Chileans are imprisoned daily for political reasons by the military junta that overthrew her Marxist husband's government in September, 1973.

Six Argentine leftists slain

BUENOS AIRES (UPI). — Six charged, bullet-riddled bodies were found yesterday along a roadway near the international Ezeiza Airport, police reported.

All six apparently were men and at least one was tentatively identified as a member of the outlawed People's Revolutionary Army, the highly-trained Marxist guerrilla band, the sources said.

The executions were carried out in the style of the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance, a right-wing death squad.

Since the beginning of the year, at least 125 persons have died in political violence across the country.

Jerusalem, W. Berlin 'cities of peace'

BERLIN (UPI). — West Berlin Mayor Klaus Schütz said yesterday that the Western part of the divided city and Jerusalem desire to be cities of peace.

In addressing the 23rd "Week of Fraternity," organized by the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation, Schütz also called for normal relations between Jerusalem and its Arab neighbours.

Outside the West Berlin's Music Academy where the meeting took place, members of the Communist-supported "League Against Imperialism" distributed leaflets calling for "solidarity with the struggle of the people of Palestine."

Boumedienne gets U.N. peace prize

ALGIERS (AP). — President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria has been awarded the United Nations gold medal for peace by UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Waldheim personally handed the medal to the Algerian leader at a dinner here on Saturday night. Waldheim said the medal was in homage to Boumedienne's personal efforts for peace, but mentioned no specifics.

ROYAL PARDON. — King Khalid of Saudi Arabia yesterday ordered the release of all political prisoners, pardoned political exiles and urged them to return home, Riyadh Radio reported.



Women's labour brigade clears irrigation ditch at Red Star, Portugal's first collective farm. (AP radiophoto)

Lisbon moderates stage first election rally

LISBON. — Political moderates gathered in Lisbon yesterday for a Popular Democratic Party rally in the city's bull-ring. It is the first mass meeting the party has planned since election campaigning began on Wednesday.

At two Popular Democratic rallies held before the campaign, clashes broke out between police and left-wing demonstrators trying to disrupt the meetings. The fighting resulted in one person killed and 40 injured.

In the last two weeks, Portugal's Communist Party has frequently called for the Popular Democrats, who are basically liberals to be removed from the government, where they hold two Cabinet posts.

Rival leftist groups battled with each other in Lisbon on Saturday night in the first outbreak of violence since the election campaign began.

The clashes flared when extreme leftists tried to stick posters over Communist campaign slogans. The leftists hurled stones at each other and police made about 20 arrests.

Portugal holds its first elections since last year's military coup on April 25 — first anniversary of the toppling of the Castano government. (UPI, Reuters)

French official suspended for using 'gutter' language

PARIS (UPI). — Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski yesterday launched an inquiry into a post office robbery by two escaped convicts, which resulted in the temporary suspension of a high government official for using "coarse, gutter language" in negotiating with the convicts.

The Ministry said it would thoroughly investigate the case, where, by the armed convicts, who escaped from Chaumont Prison on Thursday, held up a post office at Sille-Guillaume in central France 200 kms. west of the French capital on Friday evening and absconded with 48,000 francs (\$11,500).

In the 30 hours that followed, the bandits evaded capture by taking eight persons hostage and disappearing in a maze of snow-covered country roads until their eventual arrest in Paris late Saturday night.

Poniatowski said he had ordered the suspension on Saturday of chief administrator of Sarthe Province, Jacques Gandouin, for his unsatisfactory handling of the affair. The Ministry accused Gandouin of using "language inappropriate to that which is expected of a high official" in dealing with the bandits.

After the robbery, the bandits had made their way in a stolen car with police giving full chase to a farmhouse at nearby Coulan-sur-Ge, where they took a married couple and their two children hostage.

The police, headed by Gandouin, negotiated with the men for several hours and eventually agreed to hand over a ransom of 200,000 francs (\$48,000), a car and two passports for the release of the mother and the two children.

Standing under cover near the door of the house, Gandouin shouted, "okay, you can take the car, and the bread (money) and then get the hell out of here. We want the kids. But even with the car, we'll get you. You hear me, you s—ts?"

Gandouin defended himself by saying that this was the only language these men would understand.

The Ministry said it would discuss the Gandouin affair at its next departmental meeting on April 9.

\$3m. paintings recovered in raid on Milan apartment

MILAN (UPI). — Multiple police raids on suspected businesses and apartments during the night recovered the 28 paintings worth more than \$3m. stolen in February from the Milan Gallery of Modern Art, authorities said yesterday.

The collection of impressionist and post-impressionist works was hidden in a closet and under a mattress in an apartment rented six months ago under a fictitious name, police said.

Minister of Cultural Assets Giovanni Spadolini called the recovery "a perfect operation."

Guards making their last overnight tour of inspection at dawn on

U.S., Algeria at odds over world energy

PARIS (UPI). — Algeria and the U.S. appeared to be headed for a clash at the preparatory meeting opening here today to work out plans for a world energy conference.

Yesterday, before the start of the preparatory session, U.S. officials maintained that the plans for a world energy conference this summer must be restricted to oil issues — production, marketing and price stabilization.

Algerian government officials, however, stuck to their demands that the agenda for the world energy conference be broad and cover all raw materials and the developing world's problems. The Algerian government-sponsored press service said Algeria wanted the world conference to in fact lay the ground rules for a new economic order.

The preparatory conference will be attended by high government officials of 10 parties under the technical chairmanship of Louis Guiringaud, France's permanent UN delegate, acting as official host. Participant countries are Algeria, Saudi, Iran and Venezuela for the oil producing countries; the U.S., Japan and the nine-nation European Economic Community (EEC) for the consumers; plus Brazil, India and Zaïre for the developing nations.

Observers said the major question mark hanging over the energy summit was whether Algeria would take part in a full conference or the 1973 Arab oil pact and the agenda remains to be seen.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing launched the idea for a world energy summit last fall when the world was suffering under the impact of the 1973 Arab oil embargo and the subsequent economic crisis as a result of a quadrupling of oil prices.

The U.S. will be represented by one of the highest level of Under Secretary of State Economic Affairs Charles R. Anderson will lead the delegation of State and Department experts. A committee among Western participants for the does not exist however, prepared to join Arab and expand the agenda, raw materials, despite the fact that the summit participants to 10 who will attend the meetings.



AN AGONISING REAPPRAISAL (By arrangement with JCH)

RE-ASSESSMENT

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assessment would not be concluded for another six weeks. Earlier last week, informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the full results of the re-assessment may not be known for two or three months.

The Defence Secretary, therefore, confirmed that President Ford will not reveal the total extent of that new policy when he addresses the Congress in a foreign policy speech on Thursday. American officials said last week that some initial determinations may be disclosed in Ford's speech, but he is likely to speak in generalities.

Schlesinger reiterated that, during the re-assessment period, the U.S. will not enter into any new arms agreements with Middle Eastern countries, including Israel.

He added that the re-assessment, which had been ordered by Ford following the collapse of Kissinger's latest round of shuttle diplomacy, "is a general policy, directed not only towards Israel, but (towards) all of the states of that area and towards all issues, not only the questions of arms."

The only exception, Schlesinger continued, "is that the U.S. continues to have as an objective the security of Israel."

Schlesinger said that student's decision to order assessment was a "wise" move, the wake of the "non-sensical" diplomatic initiative said that it was "appropriate" for the U.S. to reconsider "we are going."

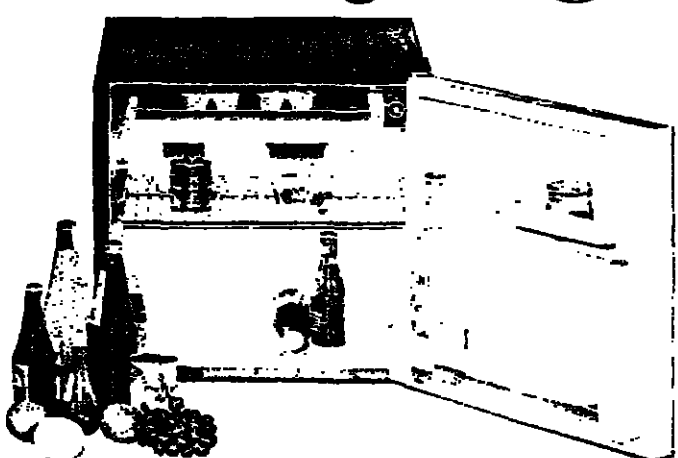
Israel is today in a bet position than it was last summer, 1973, Schlesinger said. He entered office last summer has sent Israel "very" shipments of arms. He the latest arms deal to pired April 1.

The Defence Secretary said the U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia, even though they are ruled by conservative chieftains that could eventually be thrown. He said that those would receive arms from sources if the U.S. stopped playing them.

"No one can guarantee," Schlesinger said, "not say what the regime's attitude like in 15 years in Iran, Iraq, Arabia or in Germany." He said the U.S. for that matter, "deals with the situation as it is today."

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Vietnamese orphans at Sydney, Australia yesterday, after a flight from Saigon. (AP radiophoto)

1,400 VIETNAM REFUGEE CHILDREN GET NEW HOMES Ford helps unload 'babylift' plane

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — President Gerald Ford boarded a chartered plane that brought 825 South Vietnamese orphans to the U.S. on Saturday night and carried a blanket-bundled infant girl from the jumbo jet.

As reporters and Red Cross attendants watched, Ford walked down a boarding ramp to a waiting bus with the byname-clad orphans, wrapped up to protect her from a heavy rain.

The plane carried 40 children who were survivors of Friday's crash near Saigon of a giant C-54 cargo plane carrying more than 240 Vietnamese orphans.

President Ford and his wife arrived from their vacation home in Palm Springs, California, about 15 minutes before the chartered Pan American World Airways 747 touched down after the long flight from Saigon.

They were met at the airport by officials from the Society for the Protection of Vietnamese Orphans and Robert MacAuley, a Connecticut businessman who personally financed the evacuation flight.

The Society — involving civic groups, doctors, the Red Cross and various adoption agencies — is meeting the orphans when they

come into the U.S., providing medical attention and transporting them to their adoptive parents throughout the country.

MacAuley said that, after Friday's tragedy on the C-54 flight from Saigon, he contacted the Society to make arrangements for chartering the Pan Am 747. He paid the \$250,000 to finance the flight. "Somebody has to do it," he said. "It was only money, against saving the lives of 300 to 400 children."

A White House statement said the Ford's were going to meet the orphans "because they are deeply touched at the plight of the South Vietnamese people and especially by the thousands of innocent Vietnam war orphans."

More orphans left Saigon for new homes abroad yesterday, while U.S. officials revised upward the number of persons aboard the crashed C-54. The flight recorder from the downed plane has been recovered and might throw new light on the tragic crash.

Going out of Saigon yesterday were 178 orphans aboard two U.S. Air Force C-141 transports. They were to go to the U.S. after a stop in the Philippines.

Another 100 orphans left aboard a commercial jetliner chartered by the London "Daily Mail" newspaper.

to take them to new homes in Britain.

There was no exact count of the number of orphans who have left Vietnam since frenzied efforts began last week to get them out of the country. In addition to the fact that there has been confusion in the hectic handling of special orphans flights, others are reported to have gone out in small groups aboard regular commercial flights with various sponsors.

By rough, unofficial tally, the latest departures raised to about 1,500 the number of orphans flown out of South Vietnam since the air-lifts began five days ago. Most have gone to foster families in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

The Vietcong yesterday declared that the U.S. "babylift" violates the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination.

In a statement broadcast by North Vietnam's official Vietnam News Agency, the Vietcong's "Committee to Denounce War Crimes" said the babylift "is also aimed at sowing division and enmity among the Vietnamese people and preparing for the materialization of their (U.S.) dark aggressive design in South Vietnam. This is a horrible crime."

WHY HANOI IS WINNING

By MARK FRANKLAND
SAIGON (Oha). — THE COMMUNIST FORCES in Vietnam, equipped better than ever before, are sweeping down like any conventional army. There is little to recall the old days of the guerrilla who pitted his spirit and cunning against immeasurably better armed Government and American troops.

Appearances, however, are deceptive. It is quite true that the Communists have more tanks, artillery and transport than ever before and that for the first time in the long history of the war are using effectively the sort of coordinated tactics (armour, artillery and infantry) that are taught in any Western staff college. It is also true that General Vo Nguyen Giap, North Vietnam's Defence Minister and military mastermind, long ago abandoned the "people's war" in its most austere form and accepted that the Vietnamese revolution had to have modern weapons to succeed.

But the key to the Communists' success lies elsewhere. Let Giap speak for himself. "Our military science does not principally rely on regular military strength but primarily and essentially on a people who unanimously fight the enemy with courage, heroism, stalwartness, intelligence and creativeness."

Paraphrased in less heroic language this means that the passionate nationalism of a naturally craggy people, disciplined and organized by an efficient Communist Party, still counts for more than guns and bullets.

The continued emphasis put by Americans on the Communism of their Vietnamese enemies, plus their assumption that North and South Vietnam are two different countries is the same way that, say, Britain and France are, has obscured the fact that patriotism is the driving force of the good Vietnamese Communist soldier, whether he be North

Vietnamese or Southernborn Vietnamese.

By playing on this powerful emotion the political commissars attached to every Communist unit have managed to drive their men through the most appalling suffering and to take formations decimated and demoralized in unequal battles and rebuild them into fighting units.

The real reason for Saigon's collapse is its long-standing political and spiritual weakness. The immediate reason for the collapse was, of course, the far too sudden and ill-prepared withdrawal from the Highlands and the two northern provinces of Quang Tri and Thua Thien ordered by President Thieu last month.

But this technical error would not have had such catastrophic results had the South Vietnamese Army and people had a small part of their opponents' determination and sense of direction. In the first place the non-Communist Vietnamese, dependent for decades on foreigners for their survival, have never really believed that their nationalist credentials were as good as the Communists.

Many, perhaps most, educated South Vietnamese have had a respect for the other side (albeit coloured by fear) that they have seldom had for their own leaders.

The ordinary soldier has had nothing particular to fight for except a sort of bloody freedom which meant little to peasants or the poor of the towns. Their Government has ruled over them rather than cared for them. Billions of American dollars have been spent but there is little to show for it in the way of social justice.

Thus the South Vietnamese Army is the opposite of the Communist force in almost every respect. It has banked everything on military technology and done little about "motivation," that elusive concept over which American military advisers puzzled quite rightly but quite uselessly for so long. The awful truth is that there never was

anything in South Vietnam that could properly motivate a soldier.

Of course Saigon did produce good units, notably the Airborne and the Marines. Officer by the best of the South Vietnamese middle class (men who stand to lose much in a Communist takeover) they achieved high professional skill.

Other units managed a gangsterish toughness that was let loose on their own civilians as well as the enemy. A good general, meaning above all a man who cared for his troops, could whip an indifferent unit into fine shape but it would usually relapse into mediocrity or worse when he was posted elsewhere. This happened to the First Division defending Hue, some of whose troops disgraced themselves in the recent panic escape from Da Nang.

South Vietnam's strength has up till now been largely an illusion. It has been maintained chiefly by American intervention to save Saigon's bacon in every military crisis up to the present one. The South Vietnamese Army could thus fight an unreal easy war for much of the time and ordinary people, for the most part, enjoyed a tranquillity (and at times prosperity) that was not earned by their own efforts.

They have every reason now to retreat rather than fight, to become refugees rather than heroes. What we have seen in the last few weeks are the two Vietnamese sides for the first time in this long, long war pitted one against the other with no foreign hand to tilt the scales of reckoning.

It should be no surprise to anyone who has lived in Vietnam that the Communists have turned out to be the stronger. Most thinking South Vietnamese have realized this at the back of their mind for years. This revelation was hastened by Saigon's ill-conceived and ill-prepared withdrawal from the north, but even had that been avoided the truth would have come out, and sooner rather than later.

Arabs want to undercut European petrol prices

LONDON (UPI). — A group of oil-rich Arab investors are planning to buy filling stations in Western Europe to sell petrol at a cut-rate price.

One of the leading figures in the plan to undercut Western marketers is Muhammad Mahdi al-Tajer, the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Britain and the United Arab Emirates. He said Western oil companies are making excessive profits by overcharging for petrol.

Under the plan, the Arabs would take total control, from extracting the oil to refining it, shipping and marketing to consumers.

"We want to see the consumer get his oil as cheaply as possible and the only way to do that is for a to create our own marketing," al-Tajer said. "I personally am in the market for filling stations."

He said the Arabs are getting 7 for each 48 gallons of oil at the wellhead (about 20 cents a gallon).

"Even after transport and refining and taxation the (British) motorist is still getting a poor deal at 74 pence (\$1.78) a gallon. Tax takes 37 pence (89 cents) of this figure," al-Tajer said.

"It is not that we are trying to take business away from the oil companies," he said "but we have the right to establish good relations between the British people and ourselves."

"If people see that we can supply them with oil at a cheaper rate than the oil companies, then they will no longer cling to the belief that the Arabs are out to destroy the Western economy."

EVEREST. — The 15-woman Japanese expedition to Mount Everest, the world's tallest peak, established its first high-altitude camp on Friday at 5,000 meters, atop the Khumbu Icefall, a message from the base camp said Saturday.

Hitler fans plan 'Fuehrerfest' in England

LONDON (JTA). — The special branch of Scotland Yard has uncovered a plan to hold an international celebration of Hitler's birthday in the heart of Sussex in two weeks' time, the "Sunday Telegraph" reported yesterday.

According to the report, neo-Nazis and "Hitler fans" have been invited to Britain from Germany, Sweden, Italy and Spain by a British undercover organization called "Column 88." Labour MP Paul Rose has tabled a Parliamentary question for the Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, asking him to refuse entry "to persons coming to attend a Fuehrerfest."

A letter of invitation intercepted by the Special Branch says that "dress will be uniform" and ends "we can make the necessary arrangements for you to be met and taken to Warmingtill Hall Hotel."

Chinese fear Taiwan swing to Moscow

TOKYO. — Japanese reports from Peking yesterday spoke of Chinese concern that Nationalist Chinese Premier Chiang Ching-kuo might lean toward alignment with the Soviet Union following the death of his father, Chiang Kai-shek.

Meanwhile, Nationalist Chinese forces were put on precautionary alert on Taiwan and the offshore islands Quemoy and Matsu following the elder's Chiang's death on Saturday night.

There has been no official comment from the Communist Government on the death of Chiang, whom the Communists forced to retreat to Taiwan in 1949. But Japan's Kyodo News Service reported from Peking that Chinese sources consider Chiang Ching-kuo rather pro-Moscow, in contrast to the rigid anti-Soviet stance of his late father.



Chiang Ching-kuo (AP)

observers predict the emergence of changed attitudes in Washington, Peking and Taipei.

The younger Chiang is not yet President — this, in title and ceremonial function should pass to Vice President Yen Chia-kan. But Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, 65, has held the day-to-day reins of government since his father was stricken by pneumonia in 1972.

He is regarded as a very capable man and an articulate politician, toughened by experience first on the mainland where he gained prominence by instituting public executions to crack down on black marketers in Shanghai in 1947, and later in the bloody and turbulent months that followed the Nationalist governments' move to Taiwan in 1949.

He is believed responsible for much of the modernization that has been undertaken by the party since the 1950s.

He has placed many young native Taiwanese in positions of responsibility — an effort that has both revitalized the Nationalists and replaced older officials with men Chiang Ching-kuo can depend upon.

After attaining the Premiership, he quickly took up some of the political popularity that his father enjoyed.

Internationally, he has sought to maintain close ties with the U.S. although he has repeatedly expressed disappointment toward U.S. overtures for closer relations with Mainland China.

In Taiwan's capital, Taipei, sources said the military alert was taken more as a precaution than in anticipation of any Communist invasion.

They said Nationalist Chinese warplanes and ships have been patrolling the 160 km. wide Formosa Straits daily. On the two islands they still hold on the mainland side — at Quemoy and Matsu — informed sources say there are about seven divisions, totalling some 15,000 men.

The number of Communist troops stationed opposite is not known, but during the 1958 Quemoy war the Communists were known to have about half a million men in the area. (AP, Reuters)

Ulster's bloody weekend endangers cease-fire

BELFAST (UPI). — Gunfire and bombs killed eight persons in less than 24 hours in Northern Ireland and left the nine-week-old Irish Republican Army cease-fire in shambles yesterday.

The new eruption of violence, the worst weekend in Belfast in two years, followed IRA warnings that the February 10 cease-fire might not last beyond the weekend.

There was no word from the IRA officially ending the cease-fire, however, and police sources said at least some of the incidents could have been the result of factional fighting among republican groups.

Police reported two fatal shootings around midnight on Saturday, following bomb attacks on a Roman Catholic pub and a Protestant tavern that killed six persons and injured at least 75 others.

A 61-year-old man was fatally shot in the head in the Catholic Ardoyne District just before midnight and, about 30 minutes later, two youths were shot down with automatic gunfire as they left a club in the Catholic Lower Falls.

An 18-year-old boy was dead on arrival at a Belfast hospital. His companion suffered a wound in the back and a fractured jaw.

Member of Parliament Garry Fitt, leader of the predominantly Catholic Social Democrat and Labour Party, blamed the attacks on people who want to shatter the cease-fire between the IRA and British security forces. "I have no doubt the bombs were planted by the gangster element among the feuding groups to do away with the cease-fire. These are people whose lives consist of robbing banks and post offices and intimidating their communities," he said.

The Republican movement, aimed at kicking the British out of Northern Ireland, is split in at least three factions divided over policy. Bloody feuding among the Republican factions, a similar struggle in Protestant paramilitary ranks and tit-for-tat sectarian assassinations have claimed at least 35 lives since the cease-fire.

Iraqi Airline office bombed in California
LOS ANGELES (AP). — An explosion damaged the office of Iraqi Airlines in nearby Hollywood and an hour later an unexploded bomb was found outside a large Beverly Hills office building early yesterday.

Shortly after the explosion, an unidentified caller phoned a news organization, claimed responsibility for the blast and said, "No longer will Arabs suppress the Jews."

There were no injuries in the explosion.

HOLLYWOOD AWARDS TOMORROW 'Godfather II,' 'Chinatown' lead Oscar contenders

HOLLYWOOD (Reuters). — Jack Nicholson and Al Pacino are considered top contenders for the Best Actor award to be presented at the annual Oscars gala tomorrow night.

But some critics think the contest may be so close that another nominee — Dustin Hoffman or Art Carney — could squeak through to win the coveted title.

Nicholson is a possible Oscar winner for his role in "Chinatown" while Pacino was nominated as the star of "Godfather II."

Both films are among the three with most nominations for awards at the presentation gala, which will be televised around the world. The third film in the leading trio is the disaster epic "The Towering Inferno."

All three have been nominated for the title of best film of the year.

Hollywood experts are proving more than usually reluctant this year to make predictions about the ultimate winners of the top Oscars. Hoffman won the Best Actor nomination for his portrayal of the controversial comedian Lenny Bruce in "Lenny"

while Carney played the old man with the ginger cat in "Harry and Tonto."

A big favourite for an award is Fred Astaire, who portrayed an ageing confidence trickster in "The Towering Inferno."

In the best actress category, Gene Rowlands, wife of film director John Cassavetes, is given a good chance of winning for her role as a neurotic housewife in "A Woman Under the Influence."

But Valerie Perrine as the stripper wife in "Lenny," Faye Dunaway in "Chinatown," and Ellen Burstyn for "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" are also considered strong contenders.

A dominant figure in this year's Oscars has been Francis Ford Coppola, who both directed and wrote the script for the sequel to "The Godfather."

He performed the same dual function for "The Conversation," a tense drama about electronic eavesdropping.

Both productions were nominated in the best film category and Coppola has also won five nominations for himself.

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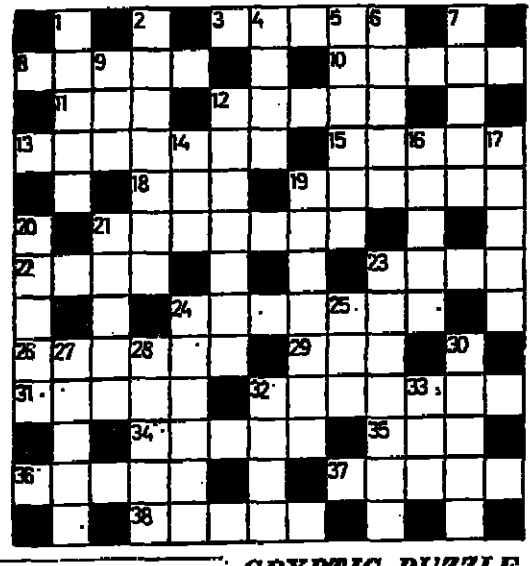
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Families form private co-op to save on fruit and vegetable bills

By YAA'AOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the past six months private consumers' cooperative has been formed by six families in the Ashdod area. The co-op, named "Alonah", has been buying fruit and vegetable bills by jointly buying all their supplies, totaling 250 to 300 kilo — once a week on the city's wholesale market. The families take their turn in buying the produce, transporting it home, weighing it and distributing it among the co-op members. One family, which has no car, hires a truck with driver at the market. The six shared the cost of a scale and the children take part in weighing and distributing the supplies ordered by each family on prepared forms which list all the varieties and types of fresh vegetables and fruit.

The cooperative was founded by recent immigrants from the U.S. Alonah Right, a mother of three and local director of Magen Laorachan, a voluntary and independent consumers organization. "Not only have we saved a large amount of money, but the produce we have bought at the wholesale market has been of the best quality," Alonah Right (top grade). In some cases we saved up to 80 per cent when we compared the wholesale prices of top grade produce with those charged by the grocers in the upper-class neighbourhoods, where even the best items were of poorer quality than what we bought wholesale."

Mrs. Right, who came here twenty months ago, said that one of the added advantages of the cooperative was to bring neighbours together for joint action, quite a positive experience. "I am willing to share it with anybody who wants to profit from our experience and to tell him or her how to go about it, if they call me at 04-242153." The procedure is for the "family" to collect the order forms from the other co-op members, to total up the orders and to place them by phone to the wholesale market, with one crate as the minimum quantity for each item. Early next morning ("usually between 5 and 7"), the husband, with or without wife, goes down to the wholesale market, examines the

Pension rights agreement

By SEAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — From now on, a member of a Histadrut-affiliated pension fund will be able to take a local government job without losing his pension rights, and vice versa, according to an agreement signed here last week.

The agreement for the automatic transfer of pension rights affects 75,000 employees of the local government union, working in 33 municipalities and 80 local councils (more than half of them Arab and Druse populated) and 600,000 Histadrut employees who belong to the six Histadrut pension funds. The fund in which the employee is last insured takes over all obligations on his retirement.

Within a month, according to Yaa'ov Vilan, head of the Histadrut-affiliated Centre for Social Security, a similar agreement is expected to be signed between the local government union and the civil service, as well as between the municipalities and local councils themselves. The only issue still outstanding will then be the question of pensions due to civilians joining the armed forces.

In fact, private arrangements between the Histadrut-sponsored funds already allow employees to keep their pension rights when they change jobs. Mr. Vilan said at the ceremony marking the signing of the agreement. In the past, there was a rigid separation between the various Histadrut pension funds, so a person changing jobs was liable to lose his rights if his new place of work was linked to a different pension fund. Thus, many employees feared to change jobs.

46 tourist projects cancelled or delayed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SLOW-MOVING tourism has resulted in the cancellation or suspension of 46 tourist projects by the Ministry for Tourism. The decision, taken by the Ministry's Investments Committee, affects a total of 8,330 rooms in various parts of the country last week.

The projects involved are hotels and other tourist establishments. Licences for 30 of the 46 were for hotels totalling some 4,500 rooms. The licences were cancelled after they had been in the hands of the applicants for a number of years without their taking concrete financial measures to start building.

About half the cancelled rooms were to have been built in Tel Aviv. The remaining 16 projects were suspended for about three years, after they had run into various difficulties. In most cases this concerned delays in the issuance of regional or local building permits. Nearly 1,900 of the rooms in this category are planned for Jerusalem, 1,172 for Tel Aviv and the remainder for the northern region.

At the same time, the Investments Committee approved construction of a number of popular tourism establishments, including two roadside inns. These are to be located in Yotvata, north of Eilat, and at Netiv Halamed-Heb. Also approved was a hotel project for Ophira (Sharm e-Sheikh), where there is a lack of such accommodation.

Revival of nostalgic feelings for Israel

Soviet Jews disillusioned by life in the U.S.

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL during the first quarter of 1975 totalled less than 5,000 — half the inflow that took place in January-March of last year. The main decrease is from the Soviet Union, for two reasons: fewer are being allowed to leave Russia, and more drop out on the way, according to Yehuda Dominitz, deputy chief of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department.

In January 1974, 2,350 newcomers arrived from Russia, and only 900 in January of this year. In February the comparative figures were 1,600 and 900; in March 1,800, and 600.

Drop-outs in Vienna were 180 out of 2,500 in January 1974, and 350 out of 1,300 in January 1975. In other words the number of exits from the USSR was halved. And the proportion opting for Israel declined during the same period from over 90 per cent of the larger figure a year ago to 70 per cent of the smaller figure now.

Mr. Dominitz's explanation is based on the fact that in central Russia (Leningrad, Moscow, Odessa) the Jewish community is highly assimilated. Many have lost touch with Jewish culture and traditions. But in the peripheral areas (the Baltic States, Moldavia and South Russia), Jewish consciousness is strong.

"Of the 100,000 Jews who have come here from the Soviet Union in the last three years, 80 per cent are from the peripheral areas. This year the proportion leaving from central Russia is greater, so the proportion of drop-outs is correspondingly larger," he observed.

Other causes are apprehension about Israel's security situation, and reports of difficulties (bureaucratic and other) in settling down in Israel.

But information coming in from the West suggests that the difficulties of absorption can be just as great, if not greater, for Russian immigrants in Europe and North America.

There are now 8,000-10,000 Jews from Russia in North America, half of them in New York. A brief report, prepared for internal circulation by Dr. Valery Lapidus and Mr. Dov Schorch, of the Israel Immigration Centre (sponsored by the World Zionist Organization), summarizes impressions gained from contact with 400 families in New York.

Approximately 10 per cent tra-

velled to the U.S. direct from the Soviet Union, 20 per cent are emigrants from Israel, and the remaining 70 per cent drop-outs from Vienna. Almost half come originally from Odessa, most of the rest from Leningrad or Moscow. Many held relatively senior positions in Russia, and a majority of those who quitted Israel had been employed, so were not driven away by any material hardship.

But many seem to have confronted much the same problems in the U.S. as in Israel: their professional qualifications are not recognized, they have no capital, they are handicapped by ignorance of the (English) language. They are helped initially by two Jewish organizations, HIAS and NYANA (the New York Association for New Americans). The assistance they get is necessarily limited. Medical aid, for example, expires as soon as they get employment.

They rent cheap accommodation in low-grade neighbourhoods. Among those with a university education, 90 per cent are not employed in the professions for which they are qualified. In many cases they put up with manual-labour jobs, and "the average income of the immigrants is around \$100 a week," the report says.

Mr. Dominitz added that out of 300 doctors from Russia now in the U.S. only eight or 10, to his knowledge, are practising their profession there.

The Russians in New York get information about Israel's external affairs from the local press and TV; but their briefing on internal affairs comes largely from more recent Russian immigrants (emigrants from Israel). Nevertheless their disillusionment with life in the U.S. has revived nostalgic feelings for Israel.

Home visits from the Immigration Centre are welcomed. "Their reaction is warm, and one feels they

lack attention of this kind." The report recommends more informational activity about prospects in Israel. It also suggests that the period of years during which new settlers in Israel are allowed to go overseas without paying travel tax should be lengthened, so that they are not impelled to explore other possibilities too quickly, before they have a chance of getting properly settled in this country.

Mr. Dominitz believes strongly that positive wish to stay in Israel is an essential ingredient for successful integration. Those who lack it are liable to give up, often for superficial reasons. "Over 350,000 immigrants from Rumania—a country in which the Jewish affiliation never faltered—were absorbed during the last two decades, and played a splendid part in Israel's national life." They wanted to live here, so took all the difficulties in their stride. They were flexible about housing, jobs.

"Immigration from the West has declined too this year, but I have the impression that those who come mean to remain, and there is a smaller proportion who give up and leave."

In the heady period after the Six Day War, a good many young people, often single, came in a spirit of adventure, and the rate of re-emigration was high.

"Curiously enough, there is no decline in immigration from Britain. It did not increase after the Six Day War on the same scale as from other countries, nor has it flagged since then. The numbers are not large, but it is a solid immigration of people who come with their eyes open," he said.

Meanwhile there are still 150,000 outcasts outstanding, sent from Israel on request to people who have not yet managed to leave the Soviet Union, Dominitz points out.

EL AVIV STOCKS

STOCKS FIRM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EL AVIV. — Arab Insurance yesterday declared a 35 per cent increase in cash dividend. Its shares rose by 3.5 points to stand at 380, with a turnover of 50,000.

As a rule, stocks were firm yesterday, and the turnover was 1,210,700. Of this 1,608,000 was in 10 variables.

Saudi Bank remained at 250.5 (1,500); IDB remained at 182 (1,500).

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Clal may pull out of Ashdod because of strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The Clal Investment Corporation last week told Ashdod's mayor that it would reconsider its investments in local industries because of a strike by port workers at the container terminal.

Clal managing director Aharon Dovrat stated in a letter to Mayor Zvi Zikler that it was inconceivable that port workers dictate whether an economic operation can continue to function or have to close down.

The terminal has been administered since 1971 by Overseas-Kamras, a company owned jointly by Clal and Zim. The 41 dunam it occupies were allotted to the company by the Port Authority with approval of a Ministerial Committee. The company has extensive business ventures abroad and assets of some 112,000.

Clal has been planning to expand its investments in three Ashdod industries: Sibim Chemicals, Sunfrost, and C.B.S. Dovrat's letter casts doubt on whether those plans for development will be carried out if the strike is not resolved in the near future.

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WE HAVE HAD a flood of distinguished visitors from the U.S., some of whom have looked and listened, while one or two have been ready to solve all the problems of the area in short order. When such solutions are offered by political personalities as weighty as Senator George McGovern, past Democratic contender for the U.S. Presidency and now chairman of the Senate Middle East Committee, we must in turn listen with care.

It was apparently easy for Senator McGovern to feel assured by Yasser Arafat that he will cease all violence against Israel if a Palestinian state were to be established on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, and that he would relate to the distant future the "dream" of a democratic Palestine that would end Israel's independent existence. Arafat would have been foolish to say otherwise — and Arab leaders have learnt that a moderate, or simply incomplete, statement will go a long way with western visitors who know exactly what they want to hear.

Was the Senator still listening yesterday, when Arafat came out with a belligerent statement opposing a Geneva conference, and demanding that violence be continued permanently even during negotiations, as a system that had served the Vietnamese so well?

This selective listening has become common practice. But there were two statements by the Senator that should give us

food for thought. The more important of these was that he thought it essential for the well-being of the U.S. to have the cooperation of the oil-rich Arab states, a natural thought when the U.S. finds itself sliding into a serious economic slump.

It is even a natural idea for a one-time presidential candidate to put forward if he is seeking to re-establish himself on the political scene. But did any Arab leader in fact promise him long-term cooperation, even for the price of Israel's head? Senator McGovern must surely know that it is going to be a long uphill struggle with the oil states, that the failures and confusion in the Far East have made matters worse and that Arab sights are now set much higher than merely Israel. We cannot solve the oil problem even if we were willing for all Israel to disappear for the well-being of the U.S. — a most unlikely contingency. Even the destruction of Israel would at best delay for a year or so the determination of the oil states to own a part of the western economy which their oil feeds, as an investment against the day the oil runs out or is superseded by other sources of energy. A revision under pressure of the genuine, close and warm relationship between the U.S. and Israel would only convince the Arab states that it is well worth taking a firm tone with American Senators.

Mr. McGovern thinks we should look at the realities of the Middle East. We think he should look at those of the U.S.

VIEWPOINT

Of Scuds and bombs and my so-called air raid shelter

By ZEEV SCHUL

HEAVEN FORBID that we should have another war. But if, or when that does happen — one place nobody is going to force me into is the so-called shelter of our cooperatively owned apartment house at 66 Shikhar Street, Holon. I will prefer the wide open spaces or any available ditch.

The area was built up some five or six years ago — retrospectively known as the "gold-bricking" period for Israel's building contractors. Civil defence regulations concerning the construction of air raid shelters in each and every one of these buildings — according to strictly laid down specifications — were already in force. Yet our shelter has no blast-resistant door and is one crumbling concrete block with a few water plumbing runs (and leaks) down its walls and the emergency exit is located where most of the debris should our house be hit, is most likely to fall.

In other words: those surviving the Scuds and bombs stand a fair chance of being either asphyxiated by the butane gas or blown up by it or scalded by the boiling water and/or drowned in it or likely to give up their ghosts a long time before the rescue teams will be able to locate, let alone dig their way through to the emergency exit. So that's why.

During a recent briefing on civil defence matters given by the commanding officer, civil defence, Tat-Aluf Yitzhak, to military correspondents in Tel Aviv I asked the Brigadier General whether there was any periodical inspection of private shelters, and what civil defence was

doing about seeing to the implementation of the laws advocated by it. The answer was that the C.D. people "couldn't be bothered," that it was not their duty to do so and that the responsibility for maintaining proper shelters rested solely with the owners, i.e., in my case, myself. However, the C.D. did contemplate some form of inspection in the future and, adding injury to insult, would impose heavy fines on household owners whose shelters would not be able to meet the C.D.'s stiff standards.

Who's responsible?

The question is now a legal one. Are we, the flat owners, responsible for an oversight in not inspecting the blueprints of the shelter in the light of anti-blast anti-Scud values, just as we examined the square footage of tiles in the kitchen? Or should the municipal/civil defence people have done the job before they approved the construction of the house? They were, after all, quite zealous in seeing to it that the contractors didn't use up an inch more of frontage than they were entitled to; provided parking places and had the exterior design blend in with the surroundings. They limited the number of storeys that could be built, width of the staircase and all the other et ceteras. Why were the shelters excluded?

I suggest that the figures given by Tat-Aluf Zaid ("60 per cent of the country's population have shelters") be re-examined and that this is about the right time for a thorough inspection of all shelters to be made and residents told how to improve whatever protection is available.

The problem is not unique to Holon. It is a national one. There are enough gas masks to

provide for Israel's entire population, we were told. They are neatly stored and may soon be distributed to local councils and municipalities — where, I fervently hope — they will be similarly well taken care of. They will not be distributed to households. The reason: the very act of distribution might be wrongly interpreted as an "escalation." Tat-Aluf Zaid did not elaborate.

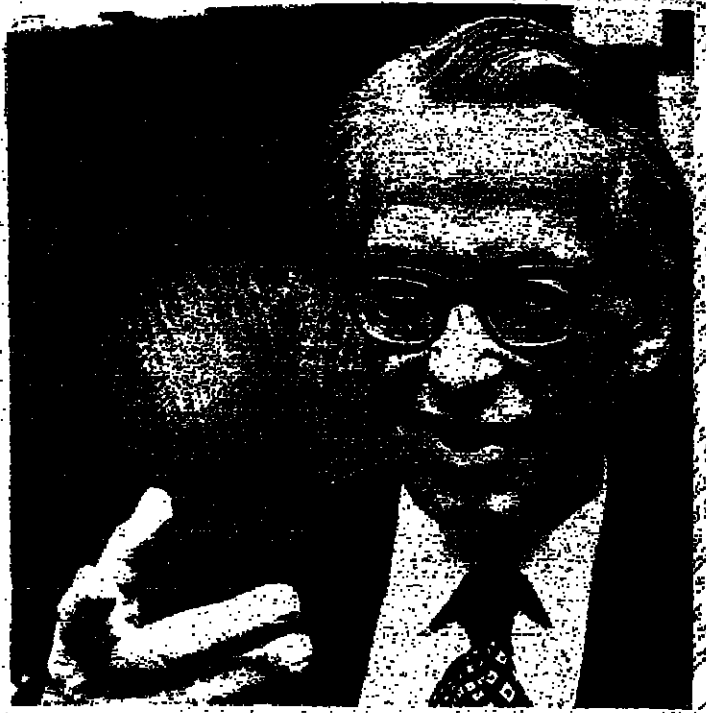
It is unlikely that any of Israel's enemies would, even in the event of an all-out war, even resort to abc (atomic, bacteriological, chemical) warfare against it. But the mere fact that our authorities are alert to such a (remote) possibility and did provide the gas masks also provides some food for thought.

Assuming that the "remote" possibility should become a dreadful fact, what then? Do we start queuing up for our gas masks? Identity cards, birth certificates or what have you in hand? And do the authorities know how many children are residing where (different types of masks for infants, children and adults) — ? Distribution procedures would be a problem of days, if not weeks. Is anybody convinced we are going to get that much advance notice? Can our situation be compared to that of certain European countries where gas masks are now centrally stored?

Assuming the distribution problem to be settled — how many people know how to adjust these masks to fit properly — how to wear them and behave while wearing them? What measures to take against chemical warfare in general? Against different types of gases?

All these are horrible subjects to raise. But air raid shelters aren't funny either. We might just as well go the whole hog.

SCIENCE IN PEACE AND W



PROFESSOR ERNST David Bergmann, who died in Jerusalem yesterday aged 71, was a distinguished scientist working in the field of organic chemistry. Prof. Bergmann made a notable contribution to the establishment of the Weizmann Institute, the Army Scientific Section and the Atomic Energy Commission. He was one of the few men to have worked intimately with both Chaim Weizmann and David Ben-Gurion.

Prof. Bergmann was until last month Vice-President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, honorary president of the board of governors of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, former Scientific Director of the Daniel Sieff and Weizmann Institutes, for many years Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and founder and head of the Army's science services.

Among prizes acknowledging his lifetime's work as a scientist, Prof. Bergmann had been awarded the Israel Prize for Natural Sciences, the Rothschild Prize, the Solomon Bublick Prize and a number of honorary doctorates.

Prof. Bergmann was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, son of Rabbi Yehuda Bergmann, on October 18, 1903. He obtained his Ph.D. at Berlin University. He went to London in 1933, where he met Chaim Weizmann and began the close association with him that was to last 18 years. After working at the Featherstone Laboratories in London, he was made responsible for the planning of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute in Rehovot, Palestine, and in 1934 he went there to become its scientific director. He was quickly elected president of the Palestine Chemists' Association.

In 1939, Bergmann went first to France to work in the Ministry of Armaments and the following year to London to work for the Ministry of Supplies' Grovewood Laboratories. Apart from work on fermentation, Weizmann and Bergmann developed the Catalytic process for making aromatic hydrocarbons from petroleum, and a process for making isoprene. In 1946, Bergmann returned to the Daniel Sieff Institute, and when this was incorporated into the Weizmann Institute in 1949, he was named its scientific director.

Prof. Bergmann was always an advocate of the cause of applied science, which was to lead to some dissent between him and Weizmann. Although Weizmann's achievements were in applied science towards the end of his life, Weizmann came to believe that research must be carried out for its own sake, for the furtherance of understanding, and

He leaves a wife, Chana.

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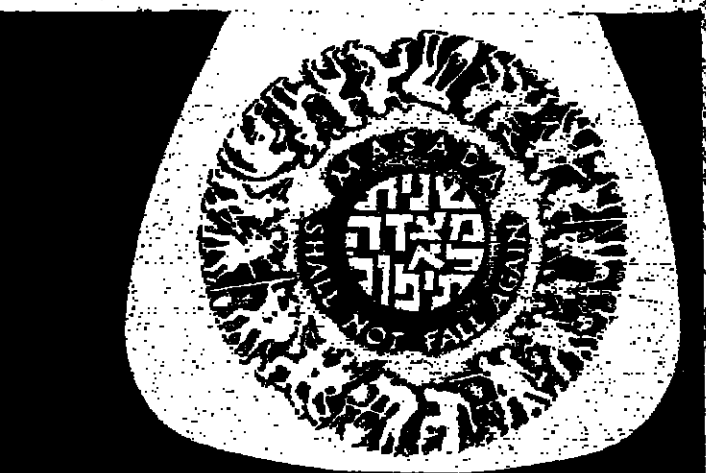
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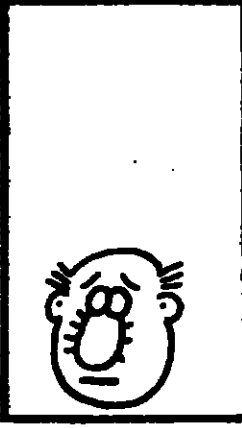
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SADAT'S GENEROSITY

DAVAR (Histadrut) says that President Sadat wanted to demonstrate generosity in returning the bodies, but it has now been revealed that Cairo collected a fee in return for this action.

Some of Cairo's demands on this score have political significance. Moreover, the paper does not believe that the bodies were found only recently. It hopes, however, that Cairo will return the bodies of the other eighteen fallen soldiers, still missing, when they are found, and will not make their return conditional on another round of bargaining.

ELAMODIA (Agudat Yisrael) suggests that the return of the bodies might be the only real achievement of Dr. Kissinger's mission. The paper also sees a difference in the mentality of the two sides: whereas Israel made every effort to ensure the return of the bodies of its fallen, there was no similar demand from Egypt. It follows that

Judaism shows honour to a human being, even after he is dead.

HA'ARETZ (Independent) discusses the maintaining of the balance of power and says that the only way to guarantee progress towards peace will be if the U.S. continues to maintain that balance between Israel and the Arab states. If the Arabs get the impression that the U.S. is trying to freeze Israel's military strength, the extremist circles will be encouraged to embark on a new military adventure.

For its part, Israel should prepare for the Geneva conference by deciding just what sort of an agreement will be acceptable to it. This too should help Jerusalem renew its understanding with Washington. HATZOFE (National Religious) calls on Washington to allow Israel to bring its peace programme to the Geneva conference from a position of military security. Israel, which proved capable of making a stand during the latest negotiations with Egypt, will hopefully be able to stand up to American pressure, and Washington and Jerusalem would do well to coordinate their positions for the conference.

By MACABEE DEAN

ISRAEL'S LAST KNOWN CASE of smallpox, the dreaded scourge which used literally to kill millions and horribly scar most of the survivors — was some 25 years ago; nevertheless, since Israel borders on Arab countries where there are occasional cases of smallpox, eternal vigilance is necessary. This is stated by Dr. Haim Gerichter, Director of Laboratories in the Ministry of Health.

"(World Health Day, which falls today, is this year dedicated by the World Health Organisation as the start of the final battle to eradicate the disease. Dr. A. H. Taba, WHO Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, recently said: "Although smallpox spreads like wildfire and is responsible for countless deaths and epidemics, it can be eradicated because it is transmitted directly from man to man, with no long-term carrier and no intermediate, hard-to-control vector. Although the disease knows no frontiers, it can be fought to a standstill by vaccination.")

Dr. Gerichter says that in 1948 and 1949, a general vaccination campaign against smallpox was launched in Israel and some one million persons were vaccinated. Several years ago, when the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Sinai came under Israeli administration, another million persons in these areas were vaccinated.

"Today, hospital personnel in Israel are vaccinated every two years, for they are generally the first to fall victim to smallpox which they catch from the patients. Surveys in Europe have shown that of all new cases, about one-quarter are among medical personnel."

He notes that it is further to Israel's credit that 15 years ago the country embarked on the most modern method of producing the vaccine. At Dr. Gerichter's suggestion, the "chick embryo vaccine," which had been developed abroad, began to be used.

"This is not only cheaper — but it is entirely sterile and also more humane," he notes. "Nevertheless, many European countries, including the leading ones, still develop the vaccine on the skins of live animals. The 'chick embryo method' also leads to fewer reactions among those vaccinated."

Smallpox has been known since the dawn of known history, and probably first recorded — in a visual form — in ancient Egypt. The mummified face of Pharaoh Ramses V clearly shows traces of the scars.

And more than a thousand years ago, in 570 A.D., the Bishop of Aranches, in Switzerland, wrote a report about the epidemic in France and Italy. He was the first to use the word "variola" — meaning "spotted." In the tenth century, a great Persian physician, Abu-Bakr Mohammed Ibn Zakariyya Ar-Razi (known as "Rhazes"), not only published a treatise on the disease, but also distinguished it from measles. But hundreds of years were to pass before his work was read, and finally accepted, by European physicians.

Strangely enough, it was in (then backward) Turkey that the Western world first learned that if the disease could not be treated, at least it could be prevented. Lady Mary Wortley Montague, wife of the 18th century British Ambassador to Turkey, fell ill with the disease at the age of 28. She did not die, but was badly scarred. After she recovered, she noted that some Turks

were using a method called "variola-tion" to prevent it. Variolation, which was probably first used in China, consists of simply taking some of the infected material from the pock of a sick person, scratching the skin of a well person, and thus infecting him. The well person falls ill with a mild illness — but develops immunity to smallpox itself.

The next great step forward was taken by an English doctor, Dr. Edward Jenner. He noticed that milkmaids did not seem to get smallpox — if they had once fallen ill with the relatively harmless "cowpox." In 1790, he inoculated a boy, and set the foundations for the science which later led to inoculations against many other diseases.

Only eight years ago, in 1967, smallpox was still endemic in 30 countries of the world. Today, it is down to three — Bangladesh, Ethiopia and India.

In the greater Middle East, Afghanistan and Sudan are continuing their surveillance but without finding any cases; Pakistan reported one case last year. In Ethiopia, the last affected country in Africa, there was a 70 per cent drop in the number of cases last year, and only in one major focus area, high in the mountains of the interior, has the disease yet to be wiped out.

(Although Ethiopia is the nearest active "site" of the disease, this means little. In the world of modern travel, smallpox can infect a person at the other end of the world who can be in Israel tomorrow.)

The last flare-up in Europe was only three years ago, and in Yugoslavia, a country (like Israel) considered "free" of smallpox. Between the beginning of March and April 11, 1972, some 175 Yugoslavs caught smallpox — 35 of them died.

How did it start? On February 15, 1972, a Moslem priest, Hadji-Ibrahim Hatt, 38, returned from a pilgrimage to Mecca sick with Measles.

He was feverish — but then he was dead tired. His pilgrimage had been a long and fatiguing one — for on his way back from Saudi Arabia he had even visited "the Holy Places of the Dervishes" (he belonged to this sect) in Baghdad. No one suspected he had smallpox — for he had been vaccinated before leaving for Mecca and Medina.

However, for vaccinations vaccination had been compulsory in Yugoslavia. But evidently the vaccine had not been effective in all cases; moreover, it appeared that some persons had skipped being vaccinated. At any rate, before the correct diagnosis was made, scores were infected; they infected others; and the disease spread rapidly.

In the past few years, the WHO has improved vaccination techniques; and it has favoured the universal utilisation of a freeze-dried form of vaccine that remains potent under adverse climatic conditions.

All these efforts, it must be noted, are highly effective in a country like Yugoslavia with a settled population; for there, the epidemic was brought under control in six weeks.

But what about a country like Bangladesh? Last autumn a chain-reaction of disaster began: floods, then famine, and finally smallpox. Despite major efforts the refugees, moving about, spread the disease from one village to another.

And this, despite the fact that in August, 1970, after a two-year smallpox campaign, the disease had almost been eliminated. But in February, 1972, it was reintroduced by Bangladeshi refugees entering from India. By the end of 1973, some 11,374 cases had been recorded; and there were 3,262 deaths. However by the middle of 1974, the number of cases had fallen by 50 per cent; the number of deaths fell by 69 per cent. But then came another series of floods; more groups of refugees on the move — and the incidence is again on the rise. This is the situation today.

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READERS' LETTERS

POLICE FIGHT CRIME, NOT STRIKERS

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your editorial of March 31, "Oil Strike," implies that the police intervened, or is intervening in labour disputes. This is wrong, not only on the level of principles involved, but also in the particular case under discussion. The police have never intervened in labour disputes and has no intention of doing so in the future. The long history of labour disputes in Israel, of strikes and sanctions, proves this unequivocally.

Events in the port of Ashkelon cannot be included in the above categories. The police received a complaint about launches being taken out without authorization, illegal use of equipment and recourse to violence to prevent the mooring of tankers — and not about negotiations on salary agreements or strikes.

From the moment the police were asked to deal with these infringements of law and public order, it acted in accordance with its legal obligations. Had the police not acted upon receipt of complaints involving criminal offences, this would have undermined its ability to maintain public order and uphold the law in a democracy.

At the same time, one cannot agree to the use of violence at any time if one wants to eschew a society in which violence prevails. The attempt to ram the police launch is additional proof of the increasing resort to violence on the part of the strikers, and this against one of the most sensitive points of the state's economy, which also has security aspects.

It is regrettable that, instead of encouraging the police in its task of preventing crime and violence in its simplest form, institutions are made which have no basis in events. NITZAV-MISHNE N. BOSMI, Spokesman, Israel Police, Jerusalem, April 4.

Aliya project for summer

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am surprised and disappointed that the *The Jerusalem Post* has not mentioned the major aliya project of the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliya, "The Kibbutz Family Volunteer programme." Beginning this summer, we plan a major effort to acquaint young American families with Israel by enabling them to spend from one to two months in Israel at no cost, except discounted air fare.

They will participate in all aspects of kibbutz life, working five hours a day, dining with, and sharing in all activities of members of the host kibbutz. Their accommodations will be the same as any kibbutz family. Their children will take an active part in all activities planned for kibbutz children, but will sleep with parents at night. During their stay, former Americans now living in Israel will guide families on tours throughout the country with the cooperation of the AACH and the Jewish Agency.

We have had an excellent response from young families that previously never had the motivation or the funds to visit Israel.

KEN KLEIN, Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliya, New York, March 14.

Sick fund fees

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a member of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim for almost 30 years, I refuse from now on to pay monthly fee until the newly introduced privileges for Knesset Members and their families are withdrawn.

I am not willing to contribute to an organization which adopts the methods of certain "socialist" states where leading party members enjoy preferential treatment while ordinary folk have to make do with inferior service.

What I simply can't grasp is that Knesset Members themselves are not ashamed of this innovation. LOTEN FINTRE, Haifa, March 30.